

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 12. Please also amend claims 2, 8, 13, and 16, and add new claims 28-39, so that a complete list of the pending claims will read as follows:

1. Cancelled.
  
2. (Currently Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 4 8,  
wherein  
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the support portions are formed as parts of ribs, which are formed integrally with  
the embossed carrier tape.
  
3. (Original) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 2, wherein  
each of the ribs comprises a slope portion so that the electronic device is easily put  
on the support portion.
  
4. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 2,  
wherein  
the ribs are L-shaped and are arranged at corners of the device pockets.

5. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 2, wherein

each of the ribs comprises two support portions arranged at upper and lower positions in a vertical direction to support two electronic devices in each of the device pockets.

6. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 2, wherein

the ribs are pillar-shaped.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) An embossed carrier tape, according to claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of device pockets in which electronic devices are held;  
support portions formed at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets, the  
support portions being step-shaped to receive and support the electronic devices; and  
guide pins arranged at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets to guide the electronic device to the support portions.

9. (Original) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 8, wherein  
the guide pins are formed integrally with the embossed carrier tape.
10. (Original) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 8, wherein  
each of the guide pins comprises a slope portion so that the electronic device is  
easily put into the device pocket.
11. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 4,  
wherein  
each of the guide pins is arranged between a pair of the ribs.
12. Cancelled.
13. (Currently Amended) An embossed carrier tape, ~~according to claim 12,~~  
comprising:  
a plurality of first device pockets in which electronic devices are held; and  
a plurality of second device pockets in which electronic devices are held,  
wherein the first and second device pockets are formed on a front side and rear side  
of the embossed carrier tape, respectively, and:

wherein the first and second device pockets have shapes that are the same in order to hold electronic devices having a common shape.

14. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 12,  
wherein

the first and second device pockets have shapes that are different in order to hold electronic devices with different shapes.

15. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 12,  
wherein

the first and second device pockets are formed integrally with the embossed carrier tape.

16. (Currently Amended) An embossed carrier tape, according to claim 12,  
comprising:

a plurality of first device pockets in which electronic devices are held; and

a plurality of second device pockets in which electronic devices are held,

wherein the first and second device pockets are formed on a front side and rear side  
of the embossed carrier tape, respectively, and

wherein the first and second device pockets are formed alternately in a longitudinal direction of the embossed carrier tape.

17. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 12,  
further comprising:

support portions formed at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets, the support portions being step-shaped to receive and support the electronic devices.

18. (Original) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 17, wherein  
the support portions are formed as parts of ribs, which are formed integrally with  
the embossed carrier tape.

19. (Original) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 18, wherein  
each of the ribs comprises a slope portion so that the electronic device is easily put  
on the support portion.

20. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 18,  
wherein  
the ribs are L-shaped and are arranged at corners of the device pockets.

21. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 18,  
wherein

each of the ribs comprises two support portions arranged at upper and lower  
positions in a vertical direction to support two electronic devices in each of the device  
pockets.

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22. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 18,  
wherein

the ribs are pillar-shaped.

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 17,  
further comprising:

guide pins arranged at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets to guide the  
electronic device to the support portions.

25. (Original) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 24, wherein

the guide pins are formed integrally with the embossed carrier tape.

26. (Original) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 24, wherein each of the guide pins comprises a slope portion so that the electronic device is easily put into the device pocket.

27. (Previously Presented) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 20, wherein

each of the guide pins is arranged between a pair of the ribs.

28. (New) An embossed carrier tape which extends in a length direction, comprising:

a plurality of first device pockets in which electronic devices are held; and

a plurality of second device pockets in which electronic devices are held,

wherein the first and second device pockets are formed on a front side and rear side of the embossed carrier tape, respectively, and

wherein the first device pockets are offset from the second device pockets in the length direction of the embossed carrier tape and do not overlap.

29. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 28, wherein the first and second device pockets have shapes that are the same in order to hold electronic devices having a common shape.

30. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 28, wherein the first and second device pockets are formed integrally with the embossed carrier tape.

31. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 28, wherein the first and second device pockets alternate in the length direction of the embossed carrier tape.

32. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 28, further comprising:  
support portions formed at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets, the support portions being step-shaped to receive and support the electronic devices.

33. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 32, wherein the support portions are formed as parts of ribs, which are formed integrally with the embossed carrier tape.

34. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 33, wherein each of the ribs comprises a slope portion so that the electronic device is easily put on the support portion.

35. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 33, wherein the ribs are L-shaped and are arranged at corners of the device pockets.

36. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 32, further comprising:  
guide pins arranged at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets to guide the electronic device to the support portions.

37. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 36, wherein the guide pins are formed integrally with the embossed carrier tape.

38. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 36, wherein each of the guide pins comprises a slope portion so that the electronic device is easily put into the device pocket.

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39. (New) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 36, wherein each of the guide pins is arranged between a pair of the ribs.

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